

washington state department of community, trade and economic development

SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE

Local Government Division

Section 108 is the loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Section 108 provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are cities and towns with less than 50,000 population or counties with less than 200,000 population provided the cities, towns, and counties **do not** participate as members of HUD Urban County Consortiums.

Eligible Activities

Activities eligible for Section 108 financing include:

- Economic development activities eligible under CDBG;
- Acquisition of real property;
- Rehabilitation of publicly owned real property;
- Housing rehabilitation eligible under CDBG:
- Construction, reconstruction, or installation of public facilities (including street, sidewalk, and other site improvements);
- Related relocation, clearance, and site improvements;
- Payment of interest on the guaranteed loan and issuance costs of public offerings;
- Debt service reserves; and
- In limited circumstances, housing construction as part of community economic development, Housing Development Grant, or Nehemiah Housing Opportunity Grant programs.

For purposes of determining eligibility, the CDBG rules and requirements apply. As with the CDBG program, all projects and activities must either principally benefit low- and moderate- income persons, or aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or blight, or meet urgent needs of the community.

Application Process

Applications for the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program will be reviewed and approved by CTED staff. Applications must be submitted by eligible jurisdictions. Applicants may request a minimum of \$700,000 and a maximum of \$7 million. An eligible jurisdiction may submit more than one application each year; however, in no event shall a local jurisdiction receive more than \$7 million in outstanding Section 108 Loan Guarantees. Projects may be evaluated at any time during the year. Please contact CDBG staff to discuss specific project details.

For More Information

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